CONGRESS.

An Abstract of the More Important Proceedings in Both Houses.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10. In the Senate the bill to credit and pay to the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia the money collected under the direct taxation act of August, 1861, was ta-

ken up and considered. Senator Berry offered a resolution directing that in cases where the money had been collected, either directly or indirectly, from the citizens, that such sums shall be paid to the Governor of the State in trust for such citizens, whether the State be or be not indebted to the

United States. Senators Sherman and Beck opposed the

resolution. Senator Saulsbury opposed it, because it pro-posed to take \$15,000,000 out of the Treasury and distribute it, not among the poorer people of the several States, but the owners of realestate, who paid the direct tax. He was opposed to any distribution of the surplus in order to keep up the high tariff.

The resolution was rejected. The bill was finally laid aside for future con-

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Blair Educational Bill. Senator Wilson, of Maryland, made a consti-

totional argument against it. The Senate then went into executive session. Senator Edmunds, from the Judiciary Committee, made an adverse report on the nomination of L. Q C. Lamar to be Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Senator Pugh, in behalf of the minority of the same Committee, reported in its favor.

Senator Edmunds made a favorable report of the nomination of W. T. Vilas to be Secretary of the Interior.

Senator Sawyer, of the Post Office Committee, made a favorable report on the nomination of Don M. Dickinson to be Postmaster General. In the House Mr. Woodburn, of Nevada, introduced a bill directing the purchase of not less | than permit this Oriental octopus to fasten its than \$4,000,000 worth of silver bullion per month for coinage into standard dollars.

Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, introduced a bill requiring the dismissal of all persons in the public service who are not citizens of the United States, either by nativity or naturali-Mr. Wilkinson, of Ohio, introduced a bill au-

thorizing the Secretary to apply the surplus to the purchase of United States bonds. Mr. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill authorizing the President to annually appoint two enlisted men in the naval service to the grade of Ensign in the line of promotion; also a bill increasing the pensions of those who have lost eyes or limbs, or are deaf, as indorsed by the Maimed Soldiers' League and the G.A.R.

tries which do not allow an export duty on

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11.

In the Senate Senator Hoar presented the petition of Jeannie Stone, widow of Gen. Chas. P. Stone, asking a pension, and accompanied this with petitions from citizens of Massachu-Betts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania in support of the same.

Senator Vest presented petitions from citimens of the First, Fourth and Twelfth Congressional Districts of Missouri praying for the passage of a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in the District

Senator Voorhees presented similar petitions from the citizens of the Eighth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts of Indiana. Senator Sabin presented similar petitions

from 180 citizens of the First and Fifth Congressional Districts of Minnesota. Senator Davis, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted a supplementary report rec-

commending the granting of a pension to Mrs. Sonator Manderson introduced a bill to prowide that the minimum invalid pension shall be \$8 a month. This was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Senator Cullom introduced a bill to facilitate promotions by religing from active service officers of the army who served in the rebellion as general officers of volunteers.

Senator Sabin introduced a bill for the increase of pension for the loss of an eye.

Senator Haie called up the resolution submitted by him before the holiday recess for the appointment of a select committee of seven Senators to examine into the condition of the Civil Service, and ascertain whether the appointments under the Civil Service had been based upon merit or had been distributed as partisan favors, and to examine as to the offensive participation of officers or employes of the Government in political conventions and elections; said committee to be authorized to administer oaths, send for persons and papers, sit in Washington or wherever may necessary, and to conduct its investigations through sub-committees. He proceeded to make a speech in present Administration toward Civil Service Reform, and contrasting it with the previous Administrations. He submitted a table comparing the defalcations in the collection of the revenue, and another showing how sweeping had been the changes in all the Departments of the Government since Mr. Cleveland's inauguration. The latter showed that of the 56,131 offices, there had been 42,992 new appointments,

and in little more than two years. He said that this was a most amazing showing. He was not aware of the extent of the changes until he looked up the figures, and the country has not known or appreciated it. It could not be said in defense of the President and his party that in most cases the changes have been made because of the expiration of the terms of the incumbents or of their resignations. In a very great majority of all these cases-probably nincteen-twentieths of all-the civil officers removed held under no fixed tenure of office, being removable at the pleasure of the President. There have been comparatively few resignations, and nine cases out of 10 have been extorted under threat of removal. Out of 85 Collectors of Internal Revenue S4 were removed by June 11, and the other since. Of the 52,609 Postmasters in the smaller towns, villages and crossroads, about 40,000 have been removed; every Territorial Governor; 16 out of 18 Pension Agents; every single Surveyor-General; four-fifths of the local land officers; mine-tenths of the Inspectors and Special Agents of the Indian service: 51 out of 59 Indian Agents; 79 out of 83 Special Agents of the General Land Office, and more than twothirds of the Special Examiners of the Pension Office. In the Treasury Department 66 of the 79 Chief Clerks and Chiefs of Division have been changed. Every Deputy Auditor, Deputy Comptroller and Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue has been removed. Every Presidential Postmaster in Kentucky has been temoved; 75 out of 79 of those in Missouri; every one in North Carolina; all but one in South Carolina; all in Louisiana; all but three in Indians; all but one in Florida; all but one in Delaware; all but two in Colorado; 117 out of 124 in lows; 104 out of 110 in Kansas; 25 out of 30 in Maine; 103 out of 126 in Massachusetts; 92 out of 106 in Michigan; 45 out of 50 in Minnesota; 64 out of 70 in Nebraska; 30 out of 32 in New Hampshire, and 172 out of 219 in New

The Senator proceeded to say that the appointees to these offices had been specially net- tain direct taxes. ive in the management of parties and conven-

cause of his "pernicious activity." Senator Butler caused to be read a circular | Senator Vance defended the Democratic letter from the Republican Congressional Committee of 1878, asking contributions from Gov- and made an argument in favor of the abolierument employes to assist in the canvass for | tion of the internal revenue taxation and the the Republican party. Senator Hale's name ap- tariff on the necessaries of life. He was especircular, but that it was issued almost 10 years | wool, sugar, salt, leather and glass. He be-

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Blair Educational Bill.

cause "it is palpably and grossly violative of In the House, after the transaction of reathe Constitution, and because as a measure of tine business, Mr. Blount, from the Commitpolicy it is unwise and inexpedient." He ana- | tee on Postoffices and Postroads, called up the lyzed the bill, and made an extended speech | bill relating to marks of writing or printing on

this bill, and a sharp dispute as to who was responsible for the failure to pass it at the terpretation of the postal laws. After more distance to pass it at the terpretation of the postal laws. After more distance to pass it at the terpretation of the postal laws. previous session, the bill was finally passed.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12. In the Senate Senator Hoar presented the petition of the Evangelical Alliance in session in Boston, unanimously praying for the passage of the Blair Educational Bill Senator Berry presented a petition from the citizens of the Sixth Congressional District of Arkansas, praying for the passage of a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in

the District of Columbia. Senator Hampton presented a petition from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Carolina for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the liquor traffic.

Senator Vest, from the Committee on Commerce, reported favorably on the bill to construct a bridge across the Missouri River at some point near the City of St. Charles; which, with amendment, was passed.

Senator Chandler offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the troubles in Jackson, Miss., and the disfranchisement of the colored vote in that city. In support of this he made a speech denouncing the suppression of the colored vote in Missis-

Senator Walthall replied that he did not offer any objection to the proposed investigation, but on the contrary he was anxious that or belonged to the other side. it should take place. He did not believe, however, that the Senate had any constitutional right to make the investigation.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, denounced the information as unworthy of serious consideration, as much of it was made up of anonymous communications.

The resolution was agreed to. Senator Mitchell called up the bill to abrogate the treaties between the United States Government and the Chinese Empire, in so far as any of them permit the coming of the Chinese to this country, and the Senate pro-

the Whole. Senator Mitchell made a speech in support of the bill, denouncing the importation of Coolies to this country as a worse curse than African slavery. It were better that every line of the treaty stipulation with the Chinese Empire should be swept from the statute-book rather

to carry out the laws already passed to prevent

it. He says that to-day there is scarcely a city, town or hamlet, large or small, in the country, in which there is not a number of Chinese, who are carrying on laundries, opium-joints, gambling-dens, brothels, and other sinks of vice and iniquity. There are more than 2,000 Chinese laundries in the City of New York alone, and these people take out of that city and Brooklyn more than \$1,000,000 a year in money. There are, according to the best estimates, more than existing treaty with a foreign Government, infamous character of the traffic in Chinese women. He thought that the influence of unrestricted Chinese immigration would be most disastrous to the laborer of the country, and he believed that unless something was done to

can Republic was doomed. Senator Stewart followed with some remarks in support of the bill, in which he called attention to the curious fact that the races of Western Europe have never been able to wrest one acre of ground from the Asiatics, while the Asiatics have always been advancing upon the Europeans. Great Britain has overrun 250,-Europeans. Great Britain has overrun 250,003,000 Asiatics, but she has yet to acquire the
first farm in Asia. There are less than 250,000

Monday of May in each year, to make a list of the
names of all the resident indigent Union soldiers,
sailors and marines, or the indigent wives, widows Englishmen in all Asia. After more than a century of conquest and domination England has been unable to colonize a single village in India. France has tried the same experiment in Cochin China with a like result. He did not want to place his race not only in competition with the servile labor of the Coolie, but with the overreaching avarice and patient cun- for the aid and relief of such indigent persons ning of the wily Chinese. The Mongolians already occupied two-thirds of the globe and numbered two-thirds of the people. Whereever they come into peaceful competition with the white race they prevail. The only way that the people of Western Europe can maintain themselves against Asia is by superior physical power and the use of arms. Self-deense is among the first laws of nature, and if the Anglo-Saxon race does not protect itself from the Chinese by force, it will perish by

starvation and become extinct. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. In the House Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, called up the bill to punish robbery, burglary and larceny in the Indian Territory; which was

considered, amended and passed. support of this, attacking the course of the provide for the issue of additional circulating notes of National banks.

Mr. Weaver, of Iowa, opposed the hasty passage of the bill because of its far-reaching efects. It proposed to give the banks the right to increase their circulation to a maximum corresponding with the amount of their capital stock paid in. This might lead to their extending their circulation more than \$400,000,-

Mr. Wilkins said that there are deposited in the National Treasury to-day \$189,000,000 of Government bonds to secure the circulation of \$167,000,000. If the bill become a law the circulation of the banks will be increased to the extent of the difference between these sums and no more. During the discussion the morning hour expired.

Mr. Townshend, of Illinois, from the Committee on Military affairs, reported back with amendments the resolution of Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, referred to that committee in regard to the compilation, etc., of the war records. After some discussion the resolution was laid

Mr. Townshend, from the same committee, reported the resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for information relating to the

flags, standards and trophies under his charge. Mr. Boutelle opposed the changes which the committee bad made in the wording of the resolution. He objected to having included in this classification the colors of regiments which had gone out as State militia, carrying their sons named in the list furnished him as aforesaid, committee bad made in the wording of the had gone out as State militia, carrying their own banners, which banners had been returned to them as State troops by the United States

had by unanimous vote, without one single discordant voice, either Democratic or Republican. deemed it proper and right that the inquiry should be broadened so as to ascertain whether persons or officials in any State, North or South. had asked for or obtained the custody of any of the captured flags, standards or colors which, under the laws, are required to be preserved in the War Department at Washington.

The amendments were agreed to and the resolution adopted. The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the bill concerning the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries.

The bill was passed and the House adjourned. FRIDAY, JAN. 13. After routine business the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to return cer-

After an extended debate the consideration tions, and that not one had been removed in | was interrupted to take up the resolutions subaccordance with the President's promise, be- mitted by Senator Brown relative to the internal revenue taxation.

party's management of the National finances, peared as chairman of the committee. Senator | cially opposed to the method of internal reve-Hale stated that he was ready to indorse the | nue taxation. He attacked the tariff duties on | And ago, before any body pretended to be a civil serv- lieved that the whole present system of tariff is wrong, unjust, unfair and unconstitutional.

At the conclusion of his speech the Senate resumed consideration of the Blair Educational Senator Coke, of Texas, opposed the bill be- Bill, and pending that adjourned until Monday. second, third and fourth-class mail matter. In the House, after routine business, the Ur- This bill is the result of the recent rulings of gent Deficiency Bill was taken up for considera- the Postmaster-General refusing admission into the mails, except with letter postage, of print-After an extended discussion of the items in | ed matter, the envelopes of which contain busi-

cussion and amendment the bill was passed.

The House then took up the private calendar and spent several hours in the consideration of bills for the relief of persons who had The News from All Parts of the claims against the Government. At the conclusion the House adjourned until

Monday. MONDAY, JAN. 16. The Senate, after the morning hour was over, went into executive session, and the first business was the nomination of L. Q. C. Lamar to be Associate Justice of the Supreme

Court of the United States. Senator Edmunds, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, opened the discussion by an opposition to Mr. Lamar's confirmation, based upon his advanced age and doubtful legal qualifications.

Senator Sherman opposed the confirmation on general principles, and specifically on the ground that Mr. Lamar's antecedents and present opinions made him a very unfit person to be entrusted with the judicial interpretation of questions growing out of the condition of affairs in the South. Senators Hoar, Cullom and Hawley spoke to

Senator Riddleberger advocated the confirma-Senator Riddleberger's was the only speech

the same effect.

in support of Mr. Lamar, and at 3 o'clock the voting began.

ico were then confirmed. ceeded to consider the same in Committee of | the resolution calling up information relative | wheels, and injured fatally .-- Henry Vaughn this was adopted after some discussion.

to apologies for him. The resolution giving every Member of Condisgusting and poisonous tentacles more firmof 64 to 181, and the House adjourned. raigned the Administration for not taking steps

THE OHIO LAW.

For the Support of Her Veterans. cation of his letter on Ohio soldier laws, inquiries are pouring in on him faster than he can respond. Most of these letters request copies of | broke out afresh and destroyed \$250,000 worth all Ohio laws on the subject. These, of course, of property. he is not able to furnish, much as he would be 300,000 Chinese in the country, of which 150,- | pleased to do so. He sends THE NATIONAL 000 are in California, 30,000 in Oregon, 10,000 | TRIBUNE a complete copy of these laws, torn, in Washington Territory and 5,000 in Montana as he says, from his office copy, and which, be- the turnpike hurrahing for Jeff Davis. Sig-Mr. Cummings, of New York, introduced a and Idaho. This great number is but a drop ing a lawyer, he could not afford to mutilate man served in the army during the war, and bill for licensing conductors on interstate rail- in the bucket to what will come to us by the for any other purpose. But if the boys would afterward removed to Missouri. In 1885 he British lines of steamers and other means of make it, he says, he would tear a piece out of his was taken back, and tried the next year, but heart and send it to them! He declares his the jury disagreed. The defense is, that as repeal the internal revenue tax, and to admit tended inquiry as to the power of purpose to keep on agitating the question un- Sigman was a Union soldier, he was justified free of duty sugars imported free from coun-Ohio laws, and then keep on still until those | able .--- A story and cited copiously from the authorities. He | States shall compel Congress to assume the | that a petrified buffalo has been found there denied that the United States could be charged | burden which the Union and not the States | by workmen who were sinking a coal shaft with bad faith if these treaties were abrogated, should have to bear; and in all this he may The specimen is reported to be very large and and gave a quantity of evidence to show the | count THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE with him.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That the Board of County Commissioners of the several counties of this State are ed with the young men about town, and visited hereby authorized to levy, in addition to the taxes now levied by law, a tax not exceeding threetenths of one mill upon the taxable property of speedily arrest this influx of Asiatic principles, | their respective counties, to be levied and collected as now provided by law for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the purpose of creating a Asiatic examples, Asiatic wages, that the Amerind for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be disbursed as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the Board of Trustees of the several townships in this State and the Councilmen of wards in cities, on the first or minor children of the same, requiring aid and entitled to relief under the provisions of this law, and shall place such list in the hands of one of their number who shall meet with the Soldiers' Relief the County Commissioners on the last Monday in | "Jimmie." May in each year, and at such other times as may be necessary to aid such Soldiers' Relief Commission in determining the probable amount necessary aforesaid, for the ensuing year, together with an amount shifteent to furnish relief to any honor-ably discharged indigent soldier, sailor, marine, or indigent wife, widow or minor child of the same, living within the county, whose name may not be found on said list, whose right to such relief under this act shall be established to the satisfaction of such commission; such commission, after de-termining the probable amount necessary for the purpose aforesaid, shall certify the same to the County Commissioners of their respective counties; and at their June session the County Commissioners of the several counties shall make such levies as may be necessary to raise the required relief, not exceeding said three-tenths of a

SEC. 3. The Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in each County of this State in which any of the Township Trustees or Councilmen have made re-turn of honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, or marines, or indigent wives, widows or Mr. Wilkins, of Ohlo, from the Committee on act, shall, on or before the first Monday of October, Banking and Currency, reported the bill to provide for the issue of additional circulating notes of National banks to serve three years, one to serve two years, one to serve one year from date of appointment, and each year thereafter one person to serve for three years. Such persons so appointed, when organized by the selection of one of their number as chairman, and one as Secretary, shall be designated and known as "the Soldiers' Relief Commission," In the event of [a] vacancy in said commission occurring from any cause, the Judge of Common Pleas Court shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall construed as affecting in any way the Soldiers' Relief Commission heretofore appointed under the original section 3 of this act.

Sec. 4. The Soldier's Relief Commission, together with a trustee from each township and a Councilman from each ward as aforesaid selected, shall meet at the office of the County Commissioners on the first Monday of December of each year, and at such other times as may be necessary, and carefully examine the list of those reported as needing aid under the provisions of this act; and being satisfied that those so reported are in need of assistance, and entitled thereto under the provisions of this act, shall fix the amount to be paid per month in each case to person or family. When such list is completed, said commission shall certify the same to the auditor of their respective counties, who shall, within 10 days, transmit to the township cierks in his county a list of the names of the persons in the respective townships to whom relief has been awarded, and the smount thereof; whereupon the auditor, on the first day of each month, after said fund is ready for distribution, shall issue his warrant upon the treasurer of the county for the taking receipts therefore; provided, however, that when said commission is satisfied that any person entitled to relief under this act will not properly expend the amount allowed, it may appoint a suit-Mr. Townshend replied that the committee able person to draw out and expend the same in provided further, that said commission, at any meeting, may decrease or discontinue any amount



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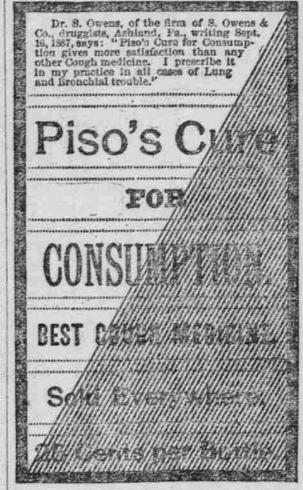
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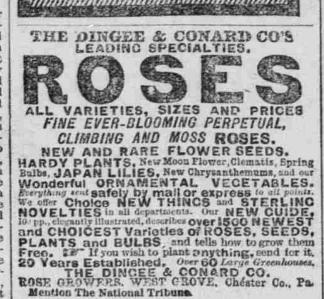
ABROAD. The French Corps Legislatif convened last week, and the Deputies re-elected M. Floquet almost unanimously. The Senate was presided over by M. Carnot, the senior Senator, and the father of President Carnot. - King Oscar, of Sweden, had a narrow escape from death last Friday. He had just left his study for a moment when a crash came, and returning, he found that a huge chandelier had fallen, completely crushing the ottoman which he had just left .- The Crown Prince of Germany is still at San Remo, Italy, and all accounts show that he is steadily improving.—The peaceful aspect of affairs in Europe has passed away, and there now seems more probability of a war between Russia and Austria than before. The Czar at his New Year's reception last Saturday (old style), showed marked avoidance of Gen. Von Schweinitz, the Austrian Embassador.was an impediment because a person fought on remoted to the full rook of Admiral promoted to the full rank of Admiral.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES. A feud has existed for years past between the Hatfield and McCoy families in the wilds of Senators Stewart (Nev.), Stanford (Cal.), and Logan County, W. Va. Early last week the Riddleberger (Va.), voted in favor, and the Ra- Hatfield faction set fire to the McCoy homepublicans, with the exception of those named, stead, and as the inmates attempted to escape, in opposition. The vote stood 32 year to 28 | the mother, daughter and a son were shot dead, only the husband escaping to the woods. --- A The nominations of Vilas for Secretary of railway brakeman on a moving train at Newthe Interior, Dickinson for Postmaster-Gen-eral and Gen. E. S. Bragg for Minister to Mex-friend was holding on the station platform, missed the jug, but catching his coat, the man In the House Mr. McMillin (Tenn.) reported | was pulled off the platform and under the to discrimination in tolls against American | boarded with Frank and Hattie Lightfoot at vessels passing through the Welland Canal, and | Chattanooga. Hattie is pretty, and Frank was jealous. Vaughn was given poisoned coffee, and Much time was devoted to discussing the died last Saturday. — During three days of Public Printer's short-comings, and listening last week a terrible blizzard raged in the Northwest, and was very destructive to life and property. Nearly a hundred persons perished in gress a clerk at a salary of \$75 a month was | Minnesota and Dakota. - First Lieut. Charles offered, and made the subject of discussion. R. Ward, 10th U. S. Cav., has been dismissed ly around us than they already are. He ar- The proposition was finally rejected by a vote the service for being drunk while he was Officer of the Day .--- A number of serious railway accidents during the storm of the past week, one of them being on one of the New York elevated railways, where a car loaded with passengers was thrown to the street below. ---- A Private Dalzell reports that since the publi- | fire last Friday in Chicago was supposed to be under control, and the firemen were about to withdraw when the roof of the building fell in, crushing down through four floors. 'The fire

> MISCELLANEOUS. Logan Sigman, in 1861, killed a young man in Rock Castle Co., Ky., who was riding along

comes from Belleville, Kan., perfect, but most people believe it to be another "Cardiff Giant" case. - A stranger who went ed with the young men about town, and visited the various saloons. Last Monday he developed as one of Pinkerton's detectives, and about 30 unlicensed saloon-keepers were heavily fined and sent to the workhouse .- The great strike in the Reading Valley still continnes, and people who did not lay in a good supply of coal last Fall are paying dearly for their neglect. - The 41st Ky. held a Reunion last Saturday at Covington, and took measures to be finally mustered out of the volunteer service, which they claim has never yet been done. The men claim that they are still entitled to pay, and if they can substantiate the claim, each enlisted man will receive over \$3,500. The aged mother of the late President James A. Garsield is ill at her home at Mentor, O., and will probably not live much amission, hereinafter provided, at the office of longer. She keeps continually asking for







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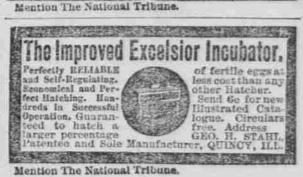
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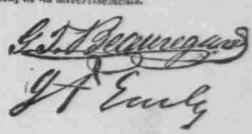
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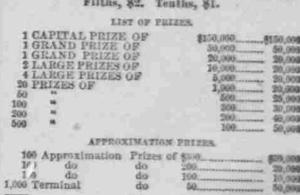
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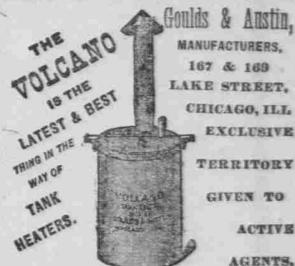
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